

REMARKS

Claim Amendments

Claims 1, 6 and 17 have been amended to recite “wherein the CD8+ T cell immune response against at least one target antigen is boosted in the mammal.”

Claim 21 has been amended to recite “wherein the CD8+ T cell immune response against the target antigen is boosted in the mammal.”

Claim 27 has been amended to recite “wherein the CD8+ T cell immune response against malaria is boosted in the mammal.”

Support for the amendments can be found, for example, at page 8, lines 6-11; page 12, lines 20-22 and page 18, lines 8-13 of the specification.

The above amendments have been made to further clarify and distinguish the claimed invention over Hodge *et al.* (1997), which was cited by the Examiner in the Office Action dated July 5, 2006 as the basis of the rejection of Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 12 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

An interview between Examiner Humphrey, Examiner Parkin and Applicants' representatives, Ms. Anne Collins, Dr. Eric Balicky, Mr. Felix White, Dr. Jörg Schneider and Dr. Adrian Hill, was conducted at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on December 14, 2006. The Amendment that was mailed to the U.S. PTO on November 6, 2006 in response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2006 was discussed.

The possibility of adding a “wherein” clause to the independent claims to further clarify the claimed invention was discussed. Examiner Humphrey and Examiner Parkin suggested that Applicants file a Supplemental Response by the end of December 2006 to present amended claims.

Pursuant to the Examiners' request, Applicants submit this combined Interview Summary/Supplemental Amendment with amended claims.

Applicants would like to take this opportunity to thank Examiner Humphrey and Examiner Parkin for their time and for their suggestions for advancing prosecution of the application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the Amendment mailed to the U.S. PTO on November 6, 2006 and the Interview Summary/Supplemental Amendment, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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